

OPTICAL TELEPHONE CORPORATION REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTRASTATE INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND ALTERNATIVE REGULATION

Optical Telephone Corporation filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate as a reseller of intrastate interexchange telecommunications services. The Applicant proposes to offer direct dial 1+ message telecommunications service, calling card service, and directory assistance service. In addition, the Applicant requests that the Commission regulate its business services, consumer card services, and operator service offerings in accordance with the principles and procedures established for Alternative Regulation in Order Nos. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C.

A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina and is available through John F. Beach, Esquire, or John J. Pringle, Jr. Esquire, BEACH LAW FIRM, P.A., 1321 Lady Street, Suite 310, Post Office Box 11547, Columbia, South Carolina 29211-1547.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at a hearing, if scheduled, should notify Gary E. Walsh, Executive Director, at the address below, and John F. Beach, Esquire, or John J. Pringle, Jr. Esquire, at the previously stated address, in writing, on or before **September 20, 2001**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please refer to **Docket No. 2001-309-C**.

Any person who wishes to present his views to the Public Service Commission may do so in writing, on or before **September 20, 2001**. Please refer to **Docket No. 2001-309-C**.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Procedures, on or before **September 20, 2001**. Please refer to **Docket No. 2001-309-C**.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission by dialing (803) 896-5105.

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